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BRIEFING JULY 29 DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS.

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MR. ANDERSON: THE SECRETARY WILL RETURN THIS AFTERNOON, AND ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS SCHEDULED TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT AT 5 O'CLOCK.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATING OF U.S. ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE GENEVA TALKS OR THE DIRECT RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY? IS THE UNITED STATES STILL DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THAT; AND IF SO, IN WHAT WAY?

A: ALL I CAN GIVE YOU ON THIS IS THAT AMBASSADOR BUFFUM IS STILL IN GENEVA TALKING WITH THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE THREE GUARANTOR POWERS, AND HE IS REPORTING BACK TO THE SECRETARY ON THE STATE OF THE REALLY VERY DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON AT THIS TIME. I CAN'T ELABORATE ON IT. WE ARE STILL, OBVIOUSLY, VERY HOPEFUL THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY GOING ON AMONG THE THREE GUARANTOR POWERS IN GENEVA WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

Q: DOES THE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION AT THE TALKS AS AN OBSERVER INVOLVE ANY CHANGE IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TALKS?

A: TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO. THE SOVIET UNION INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO GENEVA. AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR BUFFUM IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE TALKS. HE IS IN GENEVA, AND HE IS AVAILABLE TO TALK WITH THOSE THAT ARE NEGOTIATING.

Q: IN FACT, HE HAS NO FORMAL STATUS, ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

A: THAT IS CORRECT. AND I WOULD ASSUME, BUT I DO NOT KNOW, THAT THE POSITION OF ANY SOVIET OBSERVER IN GENEVA WOULD BE THE SAME.

Q: WHY WAS IT SO NECESSARY TO HAVE A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MAKARIOS?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I GUESS THEY BOTH THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY HELPFUL AND THEY MUTUALLY DECIDED THAT

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THEY WOULD HAVE A MEETING ONE WEEK AFTER THEIR FIRST MEETING. I CAN'T ADD ANYTHING TO THAT.

Q: ON CYPRUS AGAIN. CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER WE HAVE GOTTEN A HINT FROM THE NICOSIA GOVERNMENT, THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S GOVERNMENT, WHETHER THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS IN CYPRUS AS THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT SUBJECT WHATSOEVER. END
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